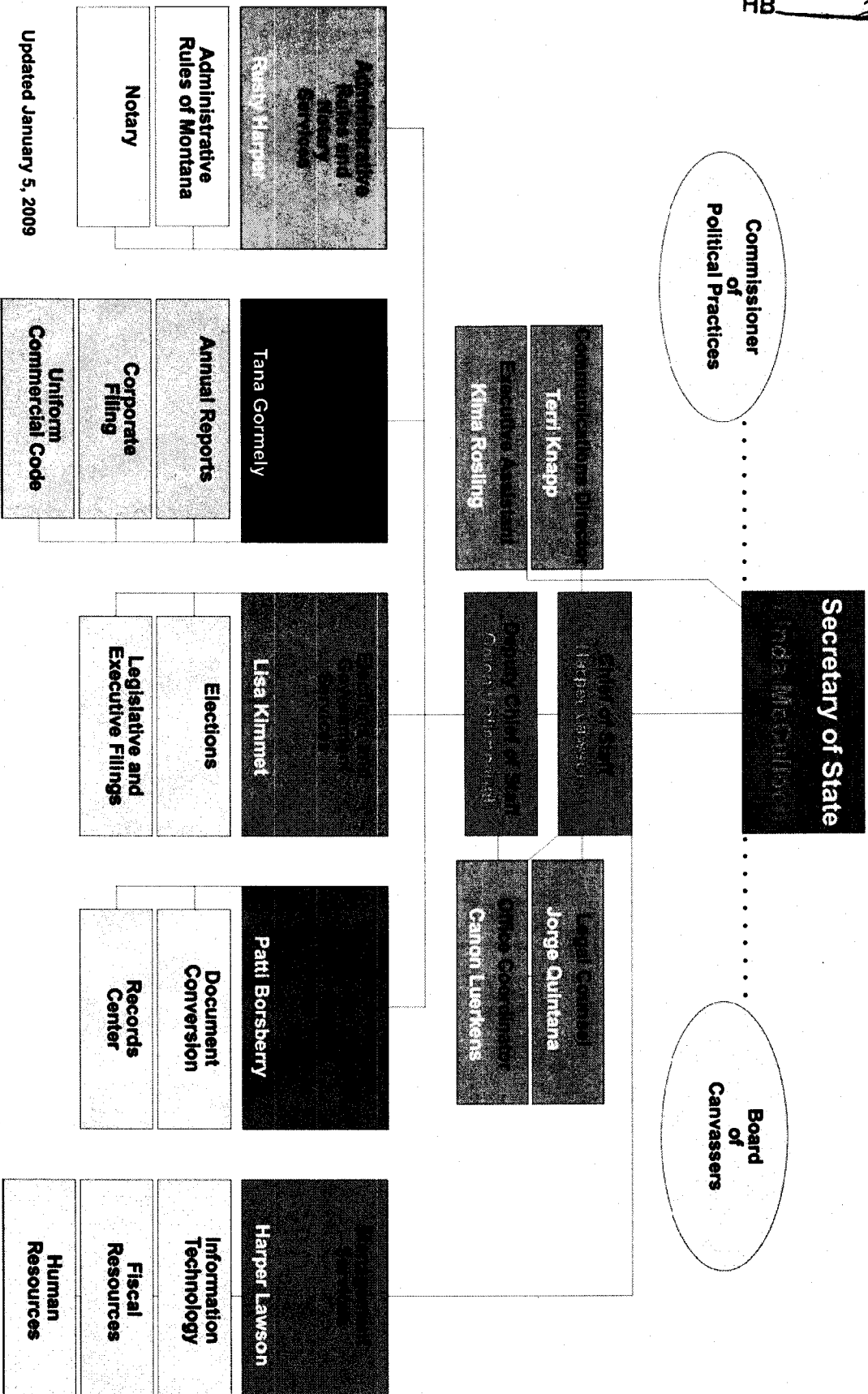


Joint Appropriations Subcommittee
for General Government
2011 Biennium Budget
January 9, 2009 8am
Secretary Linda McCulloch Testimony

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 1/9/09
HB 2

- Brief agency overview – use SOS Organizational Chart (Handout)
- Agency funding:
 - Enterprise Fund
 - Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds
 - Enterprise fund revenues received from fees:
 - charged to business and corporations
 - other state agencies who store their records at the Records Management Center, operated by SOS
 - other state agencies and users of Administrative Rules of Montana
 - citizens who become notaries
 - candidates who file for an elected office
 - No new FTE request for next biennium
 - Help America Vote Act (HAVA):
 - **DP 3** Page A-58
 - Request spending authority of the interest earnings of this fund for 165,000 in FY 2010 and \$140,000 in FY 2011.

MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE



Department of Administration

Montana Consensus Council

Janet R. Kelly, Director
Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director

January 2009

Background

Montana Consensus Council was attached to the
Department of Administration

- Worked to build agreement and resolve disputes on
natural resource and other public policy issues
- Originally established by Governor Racicot in 1994
- Legislature established it in 2003
 - Mix of general fund and state special revenue funds

Background continued

- Unable to financially sustain its operation
- Reached crisis point in early 2008
- Board voted to shut down the agency in February 2008
 - 2.5 FTE laid off effective June 30, 2008
 - All bills were paid and left-over funds reverted to the general fund.

DP 1

Remove funding for Montana Consensus Council

- Remove general fund appropriation (\$76,000/yr) and authority for state special revenue (\$128,000/yr)
- SB 24 companion bill to eliminate Council from statute